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Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2020

Present: Gabi Olivares, Joan Bessman Taylor, Amy Igou, Arti Mann, Jennifer Waldron, Karen Tracey, Amy Petersen, Shoshanna Coon, Heather Gallivan, Tabitha Decker, Kathryn Wohlpart, Angela Pratesi, Gayle Pohl

I. Welcome and approval of minutes from last meeting: Previous meeting's minutes were approved.

II. Announcements

III. Updates from Dean Waldron and/or Associate Dean Olivares:

a.

IV. Progress on Revision on the Renewal/Forgiveness Policy:

- a. Amy Igou and Gabi Olivares discussed editing the academic renewal and forgiveness policies documents to make the rules less punitive
- b. Edits will include how to ensure graduate programs are accessible by examining the hidden biases in the policy

V. Proposed Changes to Thesis/Dissertation policies from Kat Wolpart

- a. Changes are stemming from the need to submit thesis/dissertation electronically due to the pandemic. Thesis/Dissertation committee make-up is officially changing in regards to the number of members with Associate Graduate Faculty status.
- b. Summary of proposed changes:
 - i. Review deadline (work does not need to be defended but should be final work with 6 weeks prior to commencement)
 - ii. Submission deadline (work must be defended and finalized 2 weeks prior to commencement)
 - iii. Summer deadlines: have two schedules based on the needs of students
 - 1. May Term Deadlines: review deadlines will be first Friday of the university session
 - 2. Extended Summer Term (June)
- c. Discussion on the constitutions of review committees
- d. A vote will occur on Kat's proposed changes in two weeks to meet catalogue deadlines following the grad council members receiving feedback from their constituents
- e. Joan will send informational documents to grad council members who will send to departmental chairs

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PXcvORufmVwyRYXe3EPyKd1pRA5HFzcTVIfhmr434RI/edit?usp=sharing>.

Next meeting November, 12 2020

Meeting was adjourned at 4:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Ita

Graduate Council Secretary